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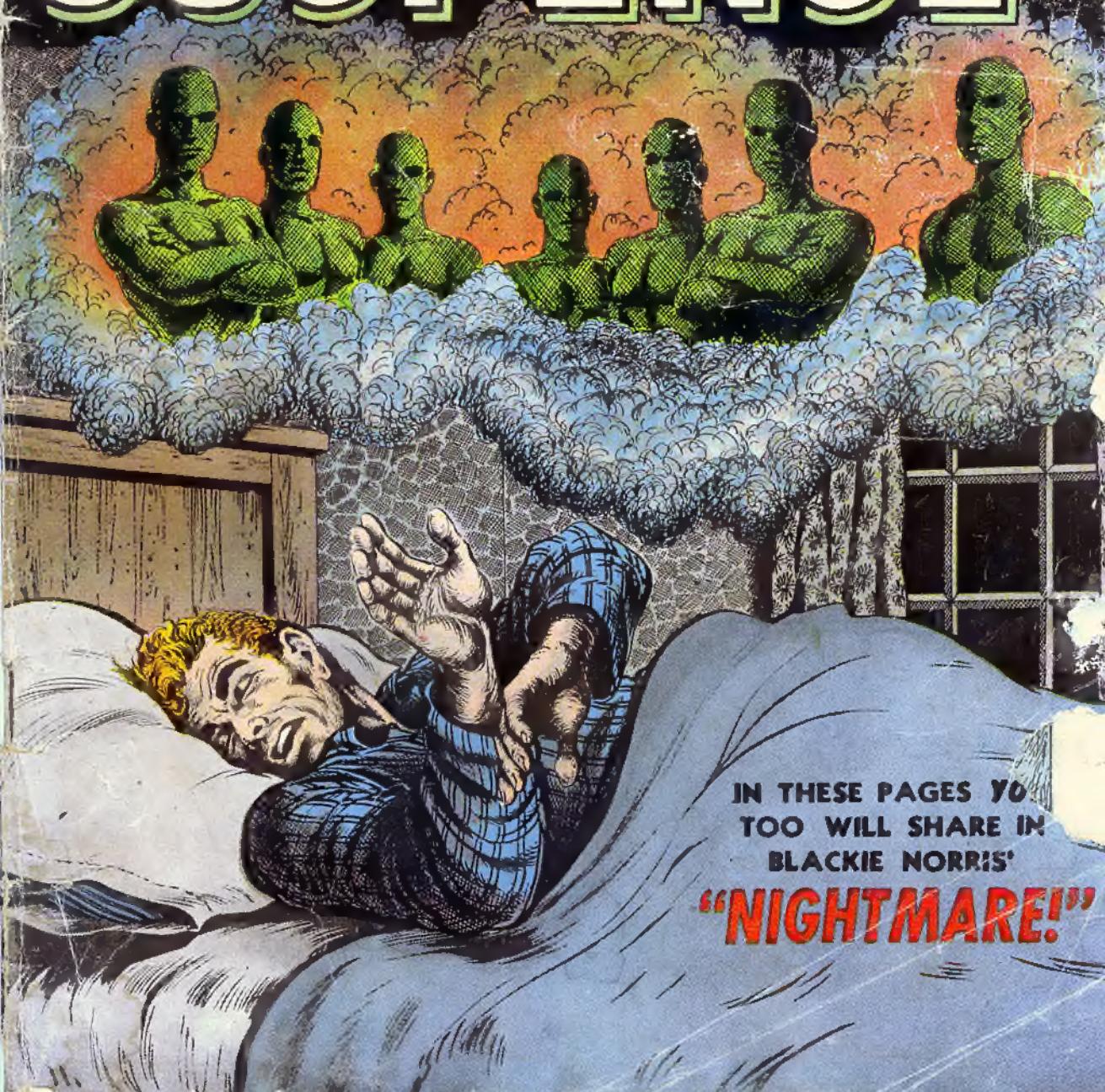
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IN THESE PAGES YOU  
TOO WILL SHARE IN  
BLACKIE NORRIS'

**"NIGHTMARE!"**

# How I Made a Small Fortune In Spare Time!

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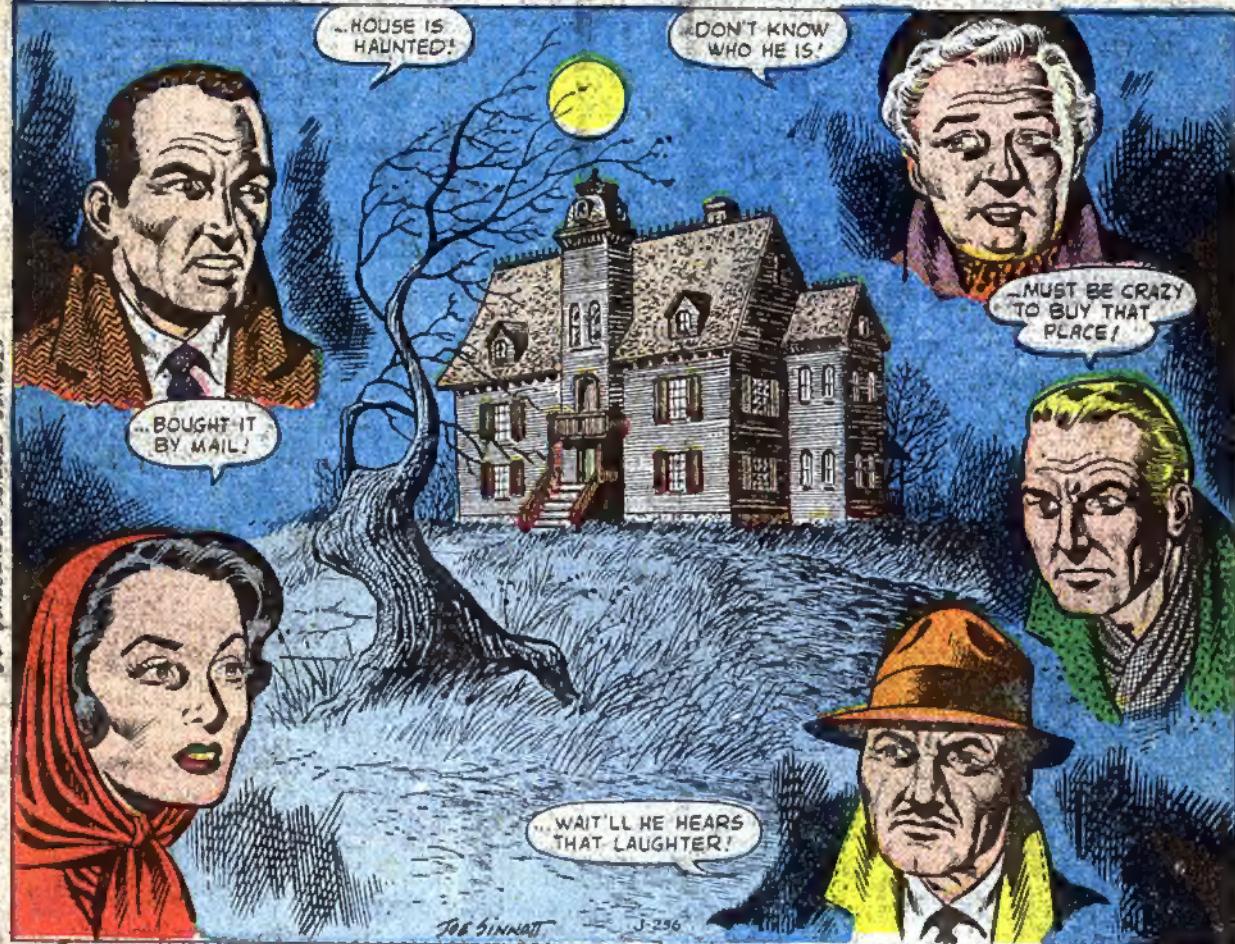
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[EVERYONE IN THE VILLAGE WAITED TO SEE THE MAN WHO HAD BOUGHT THE OLD HOUSE OUTSIDE OF TOWN. THE ONE WHERE LAUGHTER RANG, BUT THERE WAS NO ONE THERE TO LAUGH! THEY NEVER REALLY SAW ALLAN HUNLEY, EVEN WHEN HE MOVED INTO THE HOUSE! THEY DIDN'T KNOW THAT HE WAS A MAN WHO HAD ONCE HAD A DREAM THAT MOCKED HIM EVEN AS THE STRANGE LAUGHTER DID!]

# BREAKING THROUGH *the* TIME BARRIER



THEY WATCHED FROM A DISTANCE FOR THE COMING OF THE MAN WHO HAD BOUGHT THE HOUSE...

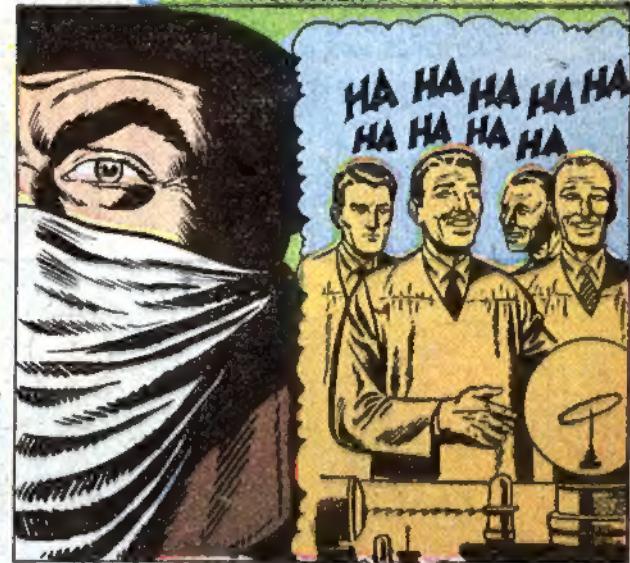


HE CAME AT NIGHT, WHEN SHADOWS SHROUDED HIM; HIS FACE WAS COVERED BY A SCARF AND HIS BODY CROOKED FROM INJURY AND HE WALKED PAINFULLY WITH A CANE.



HE WALKED THROUGH THIS HOUSE HE HAD BOUGHT! THE CLOCK STRUCK TWELVE, AND THEN... HE HEARD IT... THE LAUGHTER, ECHOING THROUGH THE HOUSE!

BUT IT DIDN'T DISTURB HIM, THIS LAUGHTER! FOR HE REMEMBERED OTHER LAUGHTER...



HE REMEMBERED THE ANGER THAT HAD SWEPT OVER HIM AT THE LAUGHTER OF THESE EMINENT SCIENTISTS!



HE HAD INVESTED ALL HIS OWN MONEY, BORROWED FROM EVERYONE HE KNEW, AND BUILT HIS SHIP WHICH WOULD PROVE HIS THEORY!



BUT SOMETHING HAD GONE WRONG, AND THE SHIP HAD CRASHED!



HIS HOPES HAD CRASHED WITH IT, AND AFTER THAT, HE WAS A MAN WHO HID HIS FACE FROM THE WORLD!



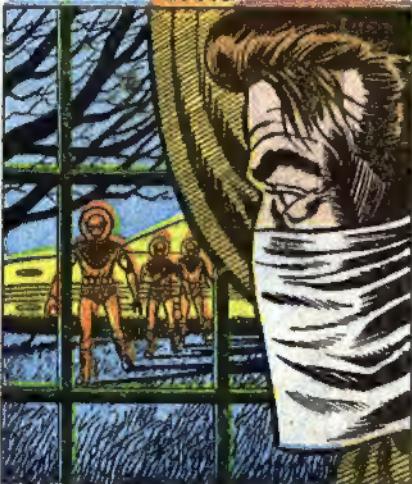
HE SETTLED INTO THE OLD HOUSE!  
EACH NIGHT AT TWELVE, THE CLOCK  
WOULD CHIME, AND THE LAUGHTER  
CAME!



ONE MONTH AFTER HE HAD MOVED IN, THE STRANGE THING HAPPENED! HE HEARD A SOFT, UNFAMILIAR SOUND OUTSIDE! HE LOOKED OUT INTO THE NIGHT...



IN AMAZEMENT, HE WATCHED A DOOR IN THE ALIEN SHIP SLIDE OPEN... HE SAW THE HUGE HUMANOID SHAPES EMERGE AND COME TOWARD THE HOUSE!



AND BROKEN AS HE WAS, THERE STILL REMAINED  
THE SPARK OF A WILL TO LIVE, THAT SENT DISMAY  
RACING THROUGH HIM!



HE LOCKED THE DOOR! HE PRESSED AGAINST THE OTHER WALL, HEARING FOOTSTEPS APPROACH... AND THE SPARK OF CURIOSITY CAUSED HIM TO WONDER WHAT THEY WANTED...



I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE  
OR WHAT YOU WANT! I WAS  
AFRAID...BUT NOW I AM  
RESIGNED TO ACCEPTING  
WHATEVER FATE YOU PLAN  
FOR ME!



WE HAVE BEEN  
WATCHING! YOUR  
PEOPLE HAVE ALMOST  
ARRIVED AT SPACE  
TRAVEL...



BUT IT CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED  
IF THEY LISTEN TO YOUR THEORY! YOU  
MUST LEAD YOUR PEOPLE TOWARD THAT  
GOAL! THIS IS OUR MISSION, TO BRING  
YOU THESE WORDS! WE GO, NOW!

HE WATCHED THEM LEAVE, GET INTO THEIR SHIP AND PLASH  
UPWARD INTO THE VOID OF NIGHT...

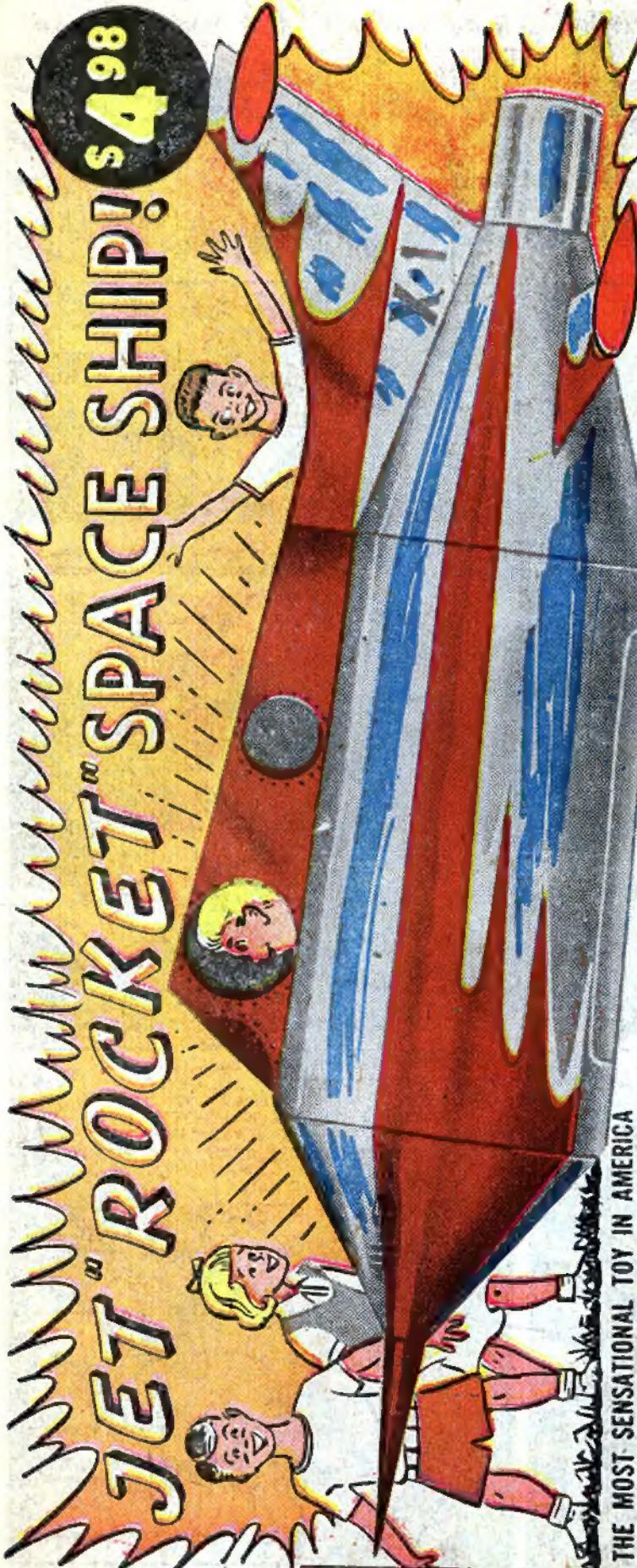


SUDDENLY HE LAUGHED! LOUD AND LONG, HE LAUGHED... AS THE CLOCK STRUCK TWELVE!



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BLACKIE HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN TWO WORLDS... THE REAL ONE, AND THE  
ONE IN HIS...

# NIGHTMARE

NO! I DON'T BELONG  
HERE! LET ME GO!

BLACKIE! I CAN'T SLEEP WITH  
YOU GOIN' ON LIKE THIS, NIGHT  
AFTER NIGHT!



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JOHN FORT

DON'T LEAVE US,  
BLACKIE!

WAKE UP, BLACKIE... YOU  
GOTTA WAKE UP!



I HAD THE SAME DREAM  
AGAIN, MIKE... I WAS IN THIS  
OTHER WORLD, WITH STRANGE  
CREATURES...

EVERY NIGHT IT'S  
THE SAME THING!  
THAT STORY IS  
DRIVIN' ME CRAZY!



THEY WANT ME  
TO STAY THERE,  
MIKE! THEY KEEP  
TELLING ME  
**THAT'S WHERE  
I BELONG!**

YOU GOT TO  
QUIT THINKIN'  
LIKE THAT!  
IT AIN'T  
REAL... JUST  
A DREAM, A  
NIGHTMARE!

TRY TO THINK  
OF SOMETHIN'  
NICE, LIKE HOW  
IT'LL BE WHEN  
YOU GET OUT  
OF HERE!

THAT OTHER WORLD  
ISN'T REAL... THIS  
IS WHERE I BELONG!  
YOU BELONG  
WITH US, BLACKIE!



BLACKIE NORRIS WAS DRAWN INTO THAT OTHER WORLD  
WITH ITS STRANGE CREATURES AND THEIR ORANGE -  
BEARDED LEADER...



DON'T YOU SEE... THE OTHER  
WORLD IS THE NIGHTMARE;  
**NOT THIS!** MIKE JUDD IS  
IN YOUR IMAGINATION!

WAKE UP,  
BLACKIE... THIS  
IS DR. ENDERS!

ONCE AGAIN HE WAS PULLED BACK FROM THAT STRANGE  
WORLD...



HE'S BEEN YELLING LIKE THAT  
EVERY NIGHT, DOC, KEEPING HIS  
CELLMATE AWAKE! HE DIDN'T  
EVEN WAKE UP WHEN I  
WALKED HIM HERE!

LEAVE US ALONE  
FOR A WHILE,  
GUARD!

I ALMOST STAYED THERE THIS TIME! THE LEADER...HE TOLD ME THIS WORLD IS THE DREAM WORLD!

BUT, OF COURSE, YOU KNOW IT ISN'T!

I'VE BEEN HAVIN' THESE DREAMS A MONTH OR SO, BUT I'VE KNOWN YOU FOR YEARS, DOC... SO THAT PROVES THIS IS MY WORLD!

THAT'S RIGHT, BLACKIE! YOU MUST REMEMBER THAT!

DR. ENDERS, MAYBE I WON'T HAVE NO MORE OF THOSE DREAMS, HUH?

I WANT YOU TO HAVE ONE MORE DREAM...SO YOU CAN TELL THOSE CREATURES THAT THEIR WORLD IS JUST MAKE-BELIEVE, AND YOU KNOW THIS IS WHERE YOU BELONG!



BLACKIE NORRIS FELL ASLEEP ALMOST AT ONCE, AND HE WAS THERE, IN THAT OTHER WORLD...BUT NOW HE DID NOT MIND!



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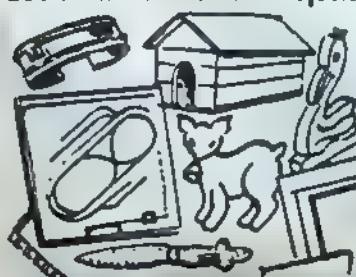


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THOSE CREATURES OF YOUR NIGHTMARE LIFE ON THE PLACE YOU CALL EARTH HAVE SO CLEVERLY DECEIVED YOU!

Y-YOU TRYIN TO TELL ME DR ENDERS DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE'S TALKING ABOUT?

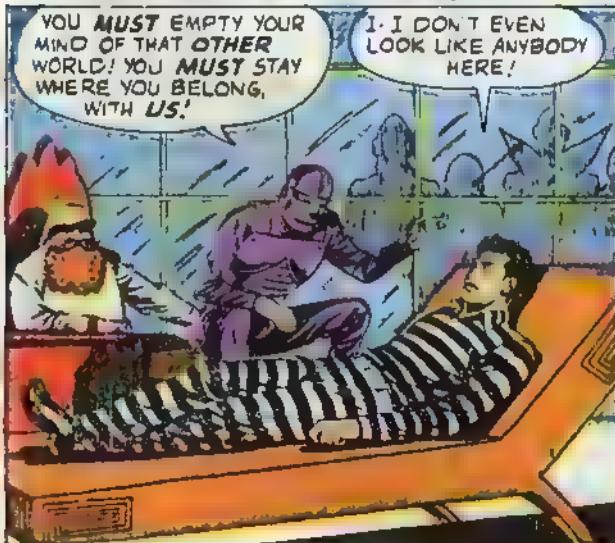
THERE IS NO DR ENDERS, NO EARTH EXCEPT IN YOUR DREAMS, BLACKIE! BUT WE HAVE A REAL DOCTOR HERE.



BLACKIE, BEWILDERED, NOT KNOWING WHAT TO BELIEVE, ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BE LED TO THE CREATURE-WORLD'S PSYCHOANALYST...

YOU MUST EMPTY YOUR MIND OF THAT OTHER WORLD! YOU MUST STAY WHERE YOU BELONG, WITH US!

I-I DON'T EVEN LOOK LIKE ANYBODY HERE!



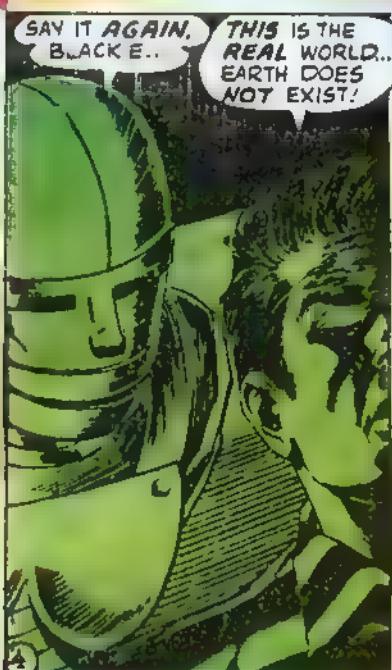
YOU MUST KNOW YOU ARE ONE OF US' REPEAT AFTER ME, OVER AND OVER... 'THIS IS THE REAL WORLD! EARTH DOES NOT EXIST!

THIS . THIS IS THE REAL WORLD ..



SAY IT AGAIN, BLACKIE...

THIS IS THE REAL WORLD... EARTH DOES NOT EXIST!

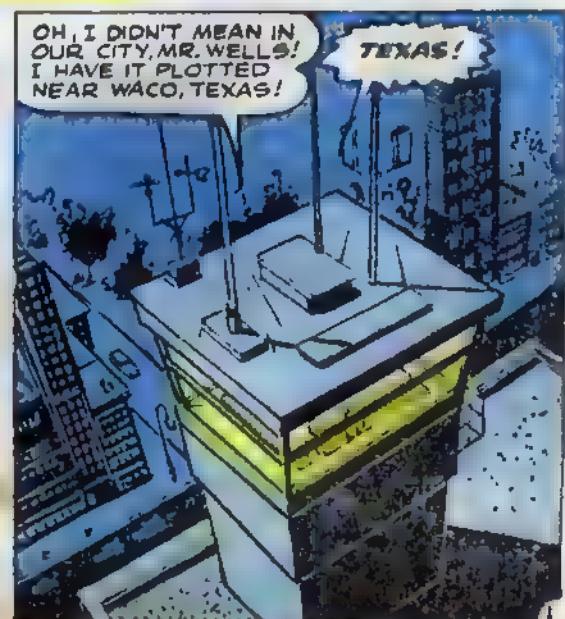
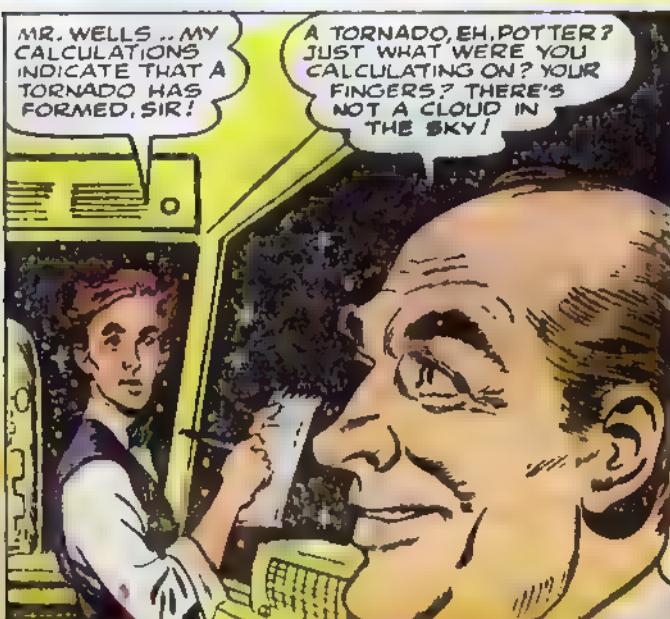
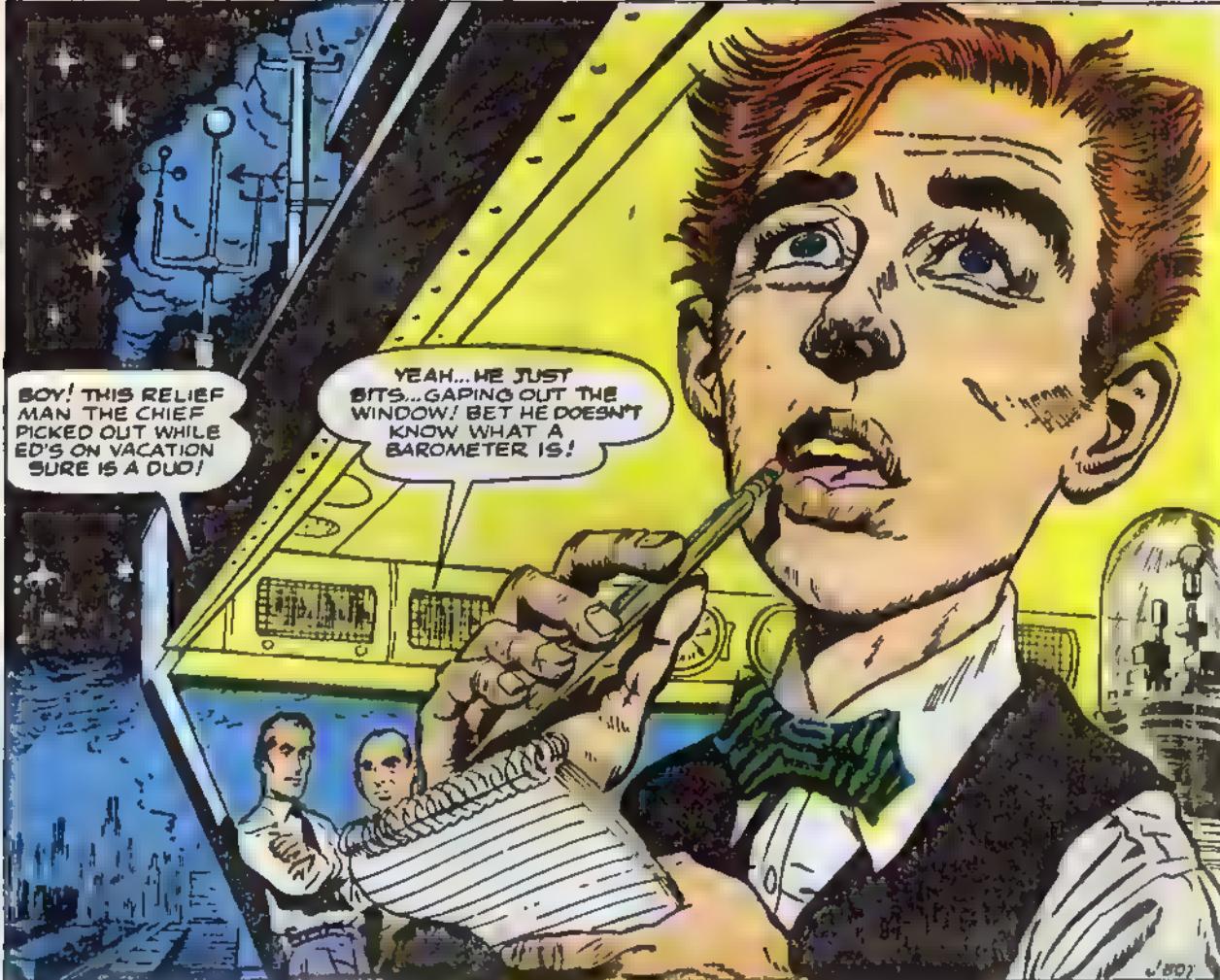


WELL, HE FINALLY STOPPED HIS BLABBLING! HEY! WHERE IS HE? WHY, HE'S DISAPPEARED! HOW CAN THAT BE? WHERE DID HE GO?



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# LOOK TO THE STARS?



"IT'S A SUDDEN WHIRLWIND DISTURBANCE COMING UP FROM THE SOUTH..."



"MY CHARTING SHOWS IT SHOULD BE RUNNING NORTH-NORTHEAST THROUGH THE PRAIRIE TOWNS JUST ABOUT NOW..."



"ARE YOU PULLING MY LEG, POTTER? THIS IS THE CITY WEATHER BUREAU...WE'VE NO TIME FOR NONSENSE!"



TEXAS CONTACT SAYS A FLASH TORNADO IS CUTTING UP OUTSIDE OF WACO, TEXAS! IT'S RUNNING THROUGH THE PRAIRIE TOWNS!

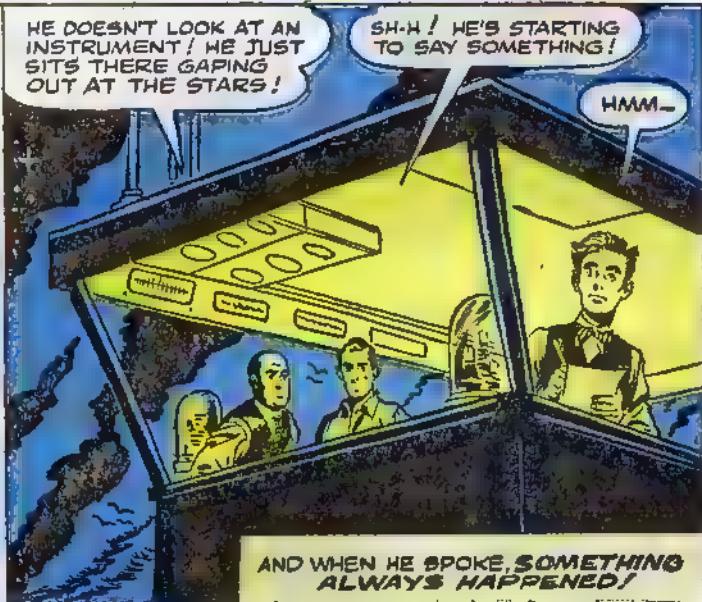


WHAT?

HE DOESN'T LOOK AT AN INSTRUMENT! HE JUST SITS THERE GAPING OUT AT THE STARS!

SH-H ! HE'S STARTING TO SAY SOMETHING!

HMM-



AND WHEN HE SPOKE, SOMETHING ALWAYS HAPPENED!

"AN EARTH TREMOR WILL JOLT LOWER CALIFORNIA BETWEEN NOON AND ONE P.M.!"



WE'RE HAVING AN EARTHQUAKE!

A SQUALL WITH WINDS OF FIFTY MILES PER HOUR WILL STRIKE 20 MILES OFF CAPE MAY...

THE WEATHER BUREAU SAID A SQUALL MIGHT STRIKE WHERE WE ARE! BUT HOW COULD THEY KNOW THAT?



AROUND  
THE WORLD,  
THE ORACLE  
OF THE  
ELEMENTS  
FORECAST  
DISASTER!

"ON THE MORNING OF THE TENTH,  
A TYPHOON WILL HIT RANGOON!"

OUR OWN WEATHER BUREAU  
DID NOT WARN US... HOW IS  
IT AMERICA KNEW?



"THE GIANT HAILSTORM WILL NOT ABATE IN  
LONDON FOR THREE MORE HOURS..."

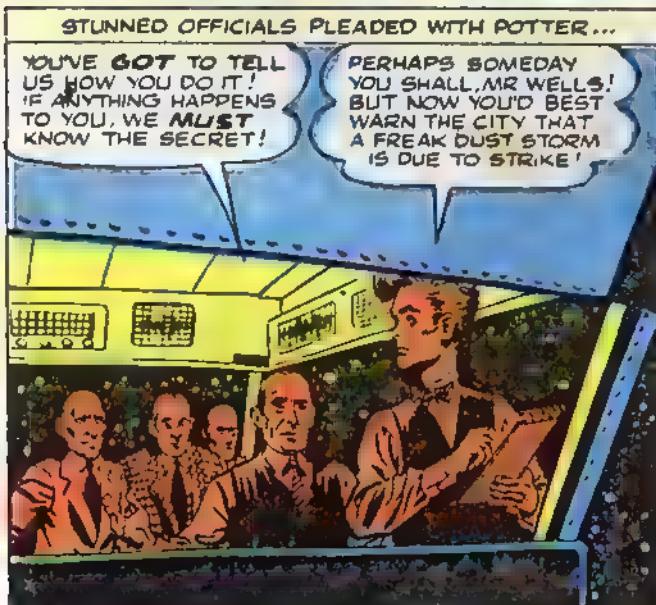
FORTY YEARS SINCE WE  
HAD A STORM LIKE THIS, AND  
THAT AMERICAN FORECAST IT!



STUNNED OFFICIALS PLEADED WITH POTTER...

YOU'VE GOT TO TELL  
US HOW YOU DO IT!  
IF ANYTHING HAPPENS  
TO YOU, WE MUST  
KNOW THE SECRET!

PERHAPS SOMEDAY  
YOU SHALL, MR. WELLS!  
BUT NOW YOU'D BEST  
WARN THE CITY THAT  
A FREAK DUST STORM  
IS DUE TO STRIKE!



IT'S FANTASTIC! BENSON...  
TONIGHT WE'VE GOT TO SPY  
ON HIM... LEARN HIS SECRET!

MAYBE IT'S  
IN THAT  
NOTEBOOK  
OF HIS!



BUT THAT EVENING...

LOOK! SOMETHING'S HAPPENED...  
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM EXCITED  
BEFORE!

HE SEEMED TO SEE  
SOMETHING IN  
THE SKY!

YES... I  
UNDERSTAND!



HE'S  
GONE!  
WHAT'S  
IN HIS  
BOOK, TED?

IT'S A CODE  
SIMILAR TO OUR  
NAVY BLINKER  
SYSTEM FOR  
COMMUNICATIONS  
AT SEA! I KNOW  
NOW HOW  
HE MADE HIS  
FORECASTS!



HE WAS GETTING  
MESSAGES FROM  
UP THERE! HE  
WAS READING  
THE TWINKLING  
OF THE STARS!

MR. POTTER  
SAID TO TELL  
YOU HE WAS  
GOING  
HOME,  
MR. WELLS!  
THAT HE  
WOULDN'T  
BE BACK!



THE END

# THOSE WHO WISH

NOBODY in Leesville set eyes on Jason Stitts before he opened his shop on Main Street. Nobody, that is, except Jack Phelps, the realtor who had rented him the store space. Naturally, all the loose tongues in town began to buzz about the stranger and his reason for settling down in a sleepy town like Leesville.

"What's this fellow like, Jack?" asked Councilman Todd Jones. "Is he a city slicker who figures he'll make a bundle of cash by hoodwinking his country cousins? I heard he aims to palm off a collection of charms and magic potions."

"The truth is that I don't really know," Jack Phelps replied. "He's a big city man all right, but he seems plain and pleasant. He's calm and soft-spoken. He plans to open a novelty shop, but I don't know what kind of trinkets he has to sell."

"He's starting with a good credit rating, anyway," Frank Powers, president of the Leesville Trust Co., volunteered. "I got a bank draft this morning to open his account. Ten thousand dollars isn't chicken feed, and I must admit I'm impressed before I meet him."

"We'd better keep a close eye on him," Todd Jones said sharply. "We're not sure he came by his money honestly. And if he's the wrong type, we'll run him out of town."

"Why don't you just wait

and see," Jack Phelps advised. "I met him and liked him. You probably will feel the same. Let's not be prejudiced just because he's a stranger."

And so it stood until Jason opened his door for business. A crowd of curious townspeople surged into the store for a first look at the merchandise. Jason welcomed them warmly, but his wares failed to satisfy his customer's curiosity. For the only items in the store were rows of small pint jars stacked on shelves against the wall. Each jar seemed smoke-filled, and no one could see if there were any other contents inside.

Finally, one customer found his voice. "Is this a joke? I thought you were opening a novelty store that would cater to all tastes and ages!"

"Ah, but you're exactly right," Jason Stitts said softly. "I sell a commodity suited to all. I sell the rarest of all commodities . . . anything that a human heart desires."

"What kind of mumbo-jumbo are you spouting?" Todd Jones had drifted in with the crowd and he was now obviously indignant. "If you're not engaged in some normal business, I'll make sure the town council takes action against you."

"Ah, but my business is the most normal one in the world," Jason responded with a gentle smile. "It's one which all of us have engaged in at one time or another."

"And what might that be?" Todd cut in angrily.

"Wishing," Jason said simply.

"I'm afraid that answer doesn't satisfy me," Todd burst forth.

"What I have to sell are wishes," Jason resumed. "Each of these jars contains a wish. There are small wishes and big ones, some important . . . others, trivial. The cloud wisp in each jar represents some definite wish made in the past. I have wishes to sell that were made by kings, politicians, public figures and even paupers."

"Each wish jar has a price. Some are cheap while others cost hundreds of dollars. It all depends upon whose wish you want to buy!"

Silence descended for several seconds, and then the crowd rushed toward the counter. It seemed that everybody was clamoring at once and pointing to the small labels on the jars.

"I want King Henry VIII's wish," a little man cried.

"I want a beautiful young princess' wish," a spinster spoke up.

"Julius Caesar's wish for me!" another shouted.

Within an hour's time Jason's entire stock was sold out. Never had any store in Leesville history enjoyed such a wonderful first-day sale.

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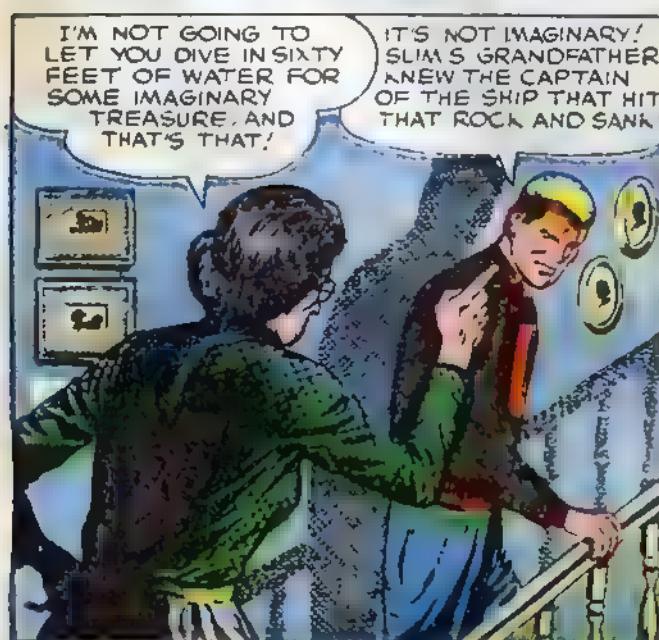
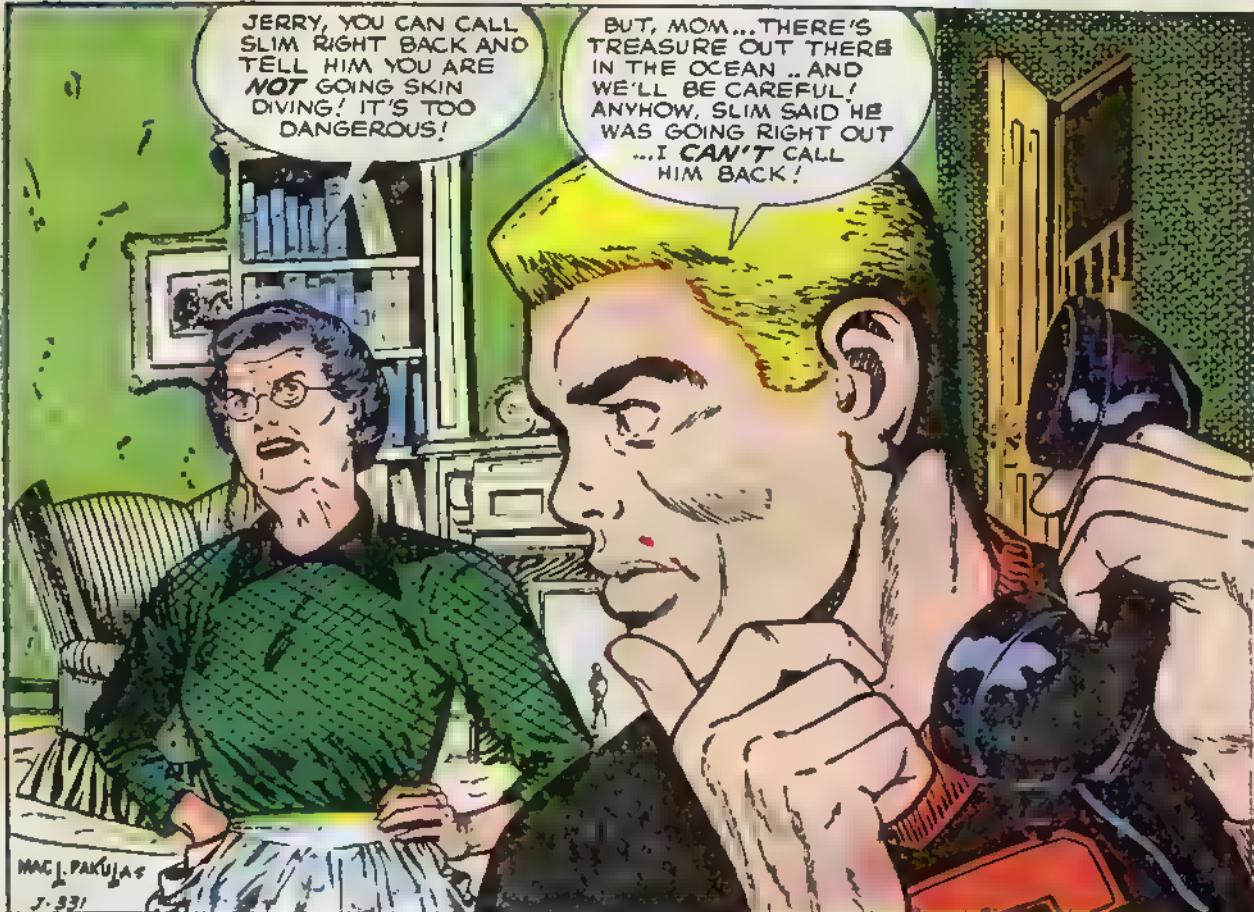
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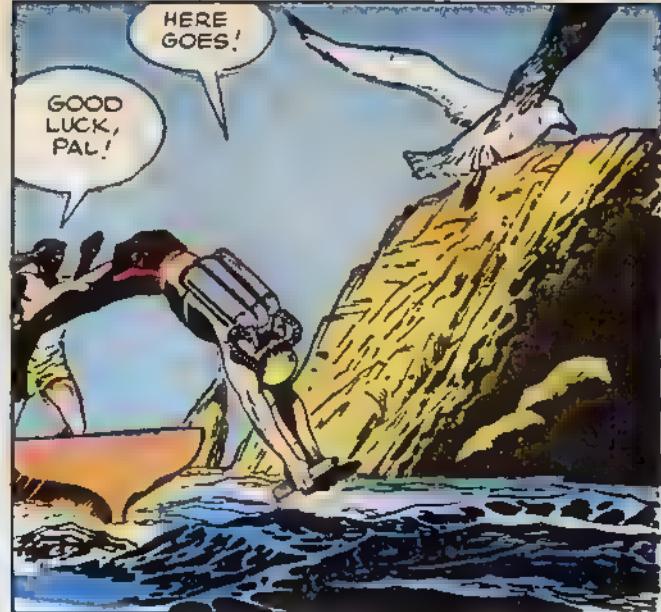
# the UNKNOWN MAN



HE MET SLIM DOBBS ON THE ATLANTIC SHORE NOT FAR FROM TOWN.

I'VE GOT A FEELING WE'RE GOING TO FIND THAT SUNKEN SHIPLOAD OF SILVER INGOTS THIS TIME!

YEAH, WITH THE SASHWEIGHTS PULLING US DOWN, WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO REACH BOTTOM FOR ONCE!



THE HEAVY WEIGHTS PULLED JERRY DOWN TO THE OCEAN FLOOR...



JERRY'S THRILL AT FEELING THE OCEAN FLOOR VANISHED AS HE FELT HIMSELF BEING DRAWN BACK INTO THE ROCK...

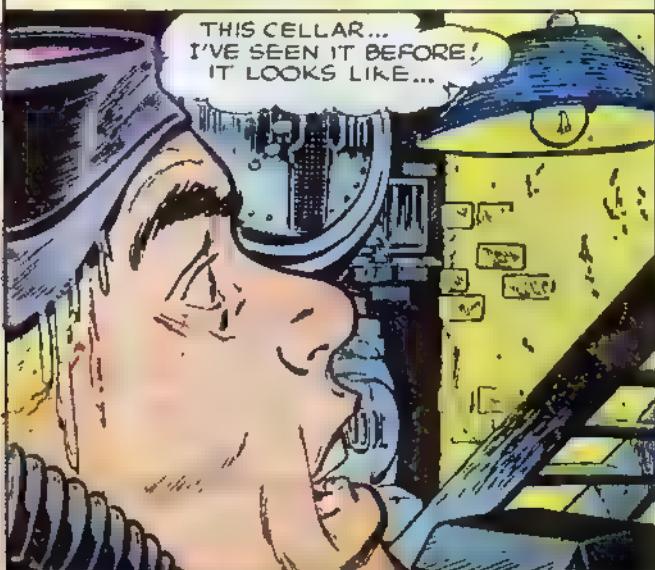


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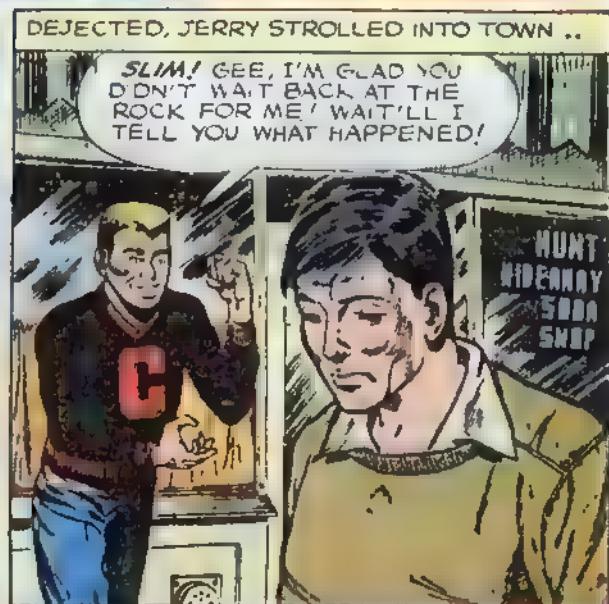
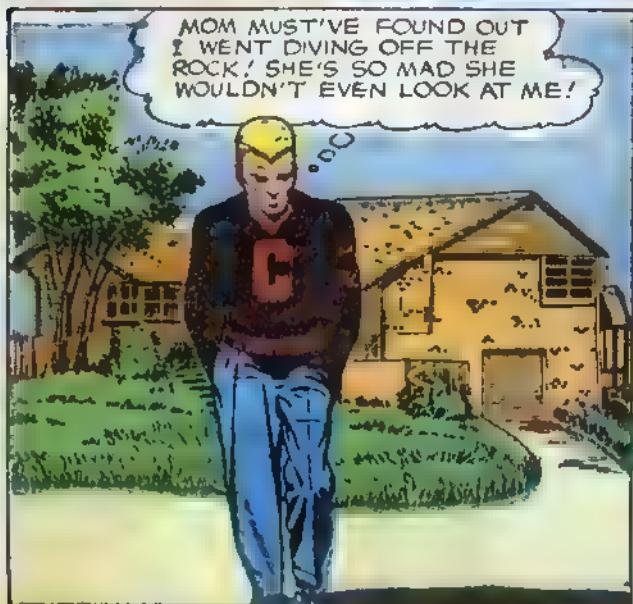
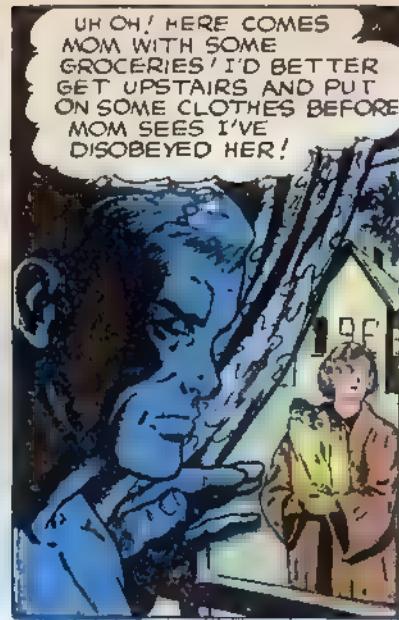
JERRY CAUTIOUSLY CLIMBED THE STONE STAIRS...

THIS CELLAR...  
I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE!  
IT LOOKS LIKE...



..MY OWN HOME!





WRAPPED IN CONFUSION, JERRY HUDSON HURRIED HOME...

MOM IS SURE AT ME... SLIM ACTS LIKE I'M A STRANGER, AND A FELLOW I DON'T KNOW SAYS I OWE HIM MONEY!

MOM, I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR GOING OUT WITHOUT CLEANING THE GARAGE... I JUST FORGOT!

JERRY STARTED FORWARD AT THE SOUND OF A FAMILIAR VOICE...

WELL, JUST DON'T LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN, JERRY!

I WON'T, MOM! OH MY GOSH!



I KNOW NOW! I WENT INTO A DUPLICATE WORLD, NOT MY OWN! NO WONDER I WAS MISTAKEN FOR THAT OTHER JERRY! I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FROM HERE!



HE DIVED TO THE CAVERN OPENING, WENT THRU IT, AND THE OCEAN'S PRESSURE THRUST HIM TO THE SURFACE...

JERRY! WHERE'VE YOU BEEN ALL THIS TIME? WHERE'S YOUR AQUALUNG AND OTHER STUFF?

I LEFT THEM BEHIND... (GASP!) AND NEVER MIND WHERE I'VE BEEN! I JUST WANT TO GET HOME!



JERRY WAS SO GLAD TO BE HOME, HE DIDN'T EVEN MIND HAVING LOST HIS EQUIPMENT...

UH... HI, MOM! WHO'S IN THE KITCHEN WITH YOU?

WHY, NOBODY, DEAR! I'VE BEEN ALONE ALL AFTERNOON!

I'M KIND OF TIRED, MOM... I'M GOING UP AND LIE DOWN AWHILE!

JUST A MOMENT, YOUNG MAN! PLEASE TAKE THESE THINGS UPSTAIRS WITH YOU!



was slowly opened. All watched spellbound as the released cloud of mist swirled lazily upward. Then, all eyes focused on the small card with the wish neatly engraved upon it.

All reacted differently. There was laughter in some homes, tears and rage in others. Almost all were on hand when Jason opened his store the next day. All were seeking further information, and a few were hoping to get their money back. One of the latter was Todd Jones.

"I was cheated!" he cried. "I paid a fancy price for a king's wish, and I thought I would get power and riches. Instead, all I got was a silly saying."

"Not at all," Jason corrected him gently. "Your king wished for the life of a common man. He was tired of being constantly in the public eye, parading in regal costumes, presiding over dull court affairs and having no private life of his own. He wanted to be free. Instead, his tours were arranged by his ministers; his wife was hand-picked by his parents; and even

his clothes were selected by his valet. It's a moral that's worth a fortune . . . if you follow it."

"I was cheated, too," another man spoke up. "I bought a rich man's wish, and his wish was to be poor. What nonsense!"

"He didn't feel that way," Jason explained. "He felt that money was the root of all evil. He gave away all his money because he placed a higher value on honesty, courage and decency than he did on money. His wish was to be a poor but honest and honorable man. That seems like a wonderful wish to me."

"And I bought a princess' wish," the spinster said. "I thought it would bring me beauty and splendor and many suitors. But she only wanted the love of an ordinary man."

"True!" Jason agreed. "She had many suitors, but she was sure of none of them. She was courted for her royal position and prestige and not because she was truly loved. She wanted the deep affection of an ordinary man who wasn't interested in influence with the king."

"I wasn't cheated," a poor man smiled. "I could only buy a pauper's wish, and I hope his wish comes true for me. He wished for good health, a good home and happy children. What greater treasure could any man have?"

His listeners digested this slowly. Then Jason continued.

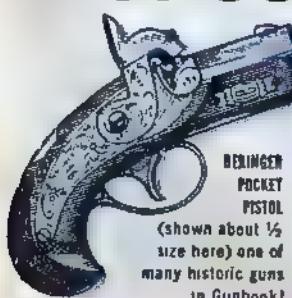
"I go from town to town selling wishes. Some people feel cheated, but most are enriched by this experience. We all wish for things. I wish this episode makes you all think deeply. I hope it will make you value other things besides money, prestige or power."

"I want you all to remember this, and for that reason I am donating all the money I made yesterday to Leesville. I want you to build a wishing well in the center of town as a reminder of what we learned today."

"I wish you use it well!"

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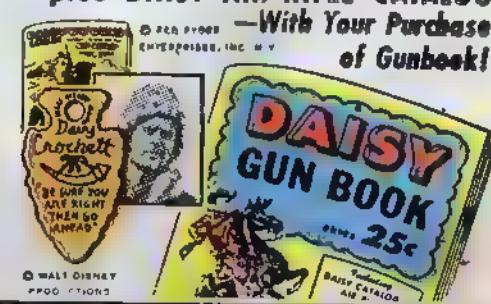
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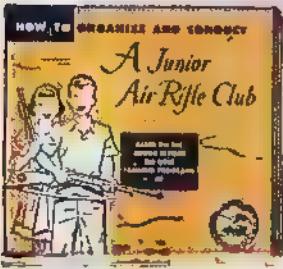
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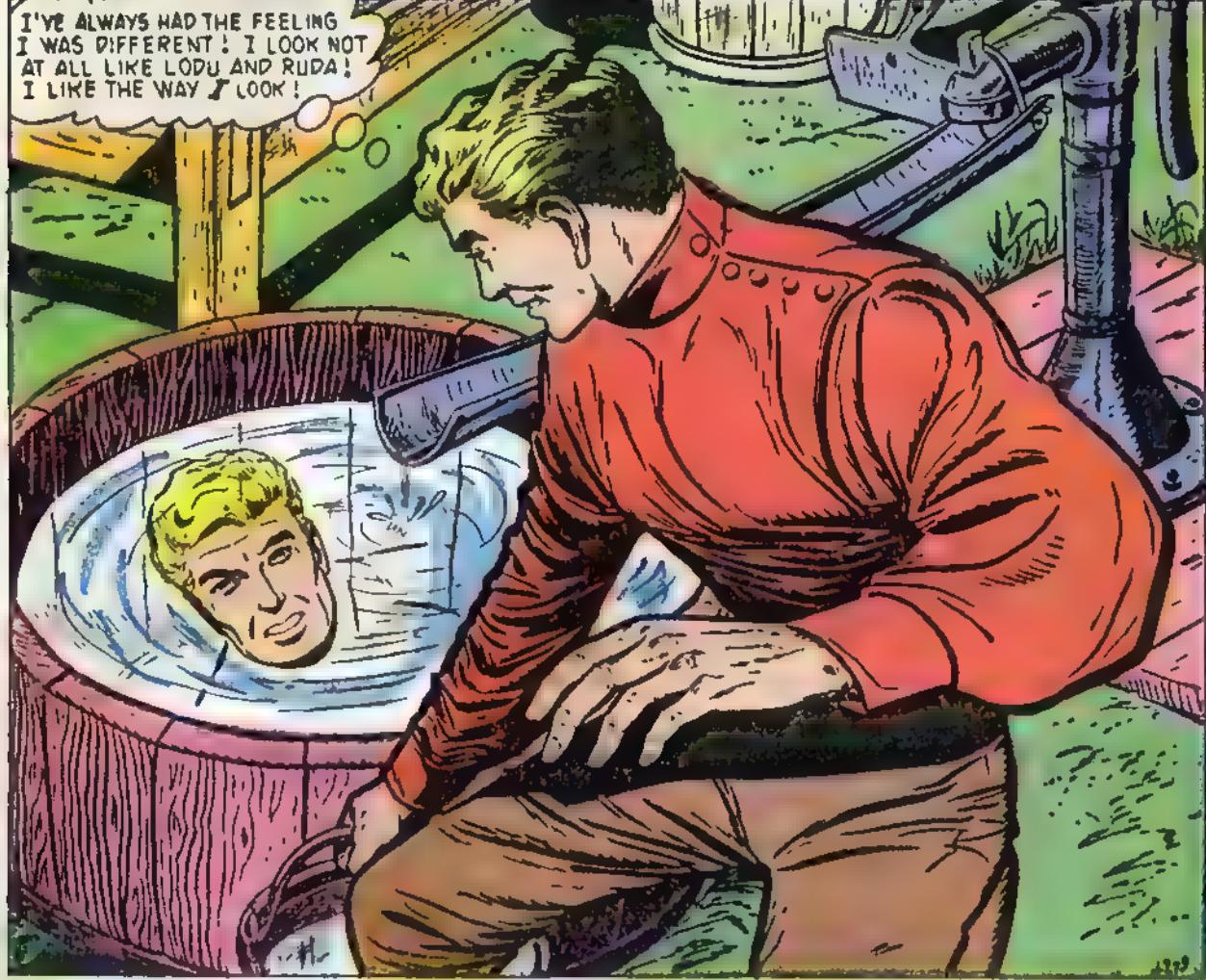
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WORRIED THE MARTIAN COUPLE...

SOMEHOW GEORGE HAS  
FOUND OUT THAT HE'S  
NOT LIKE US, THOUGH  
WE'VE NEVER HAD A  
MIRROR IN THE HOUSE!

WHY SHOULD THAT  
MATTER, RUDA?  
WE'VE ALWAYS  
BEEN LIKE REAL  
PARENTS TO HIM!



UPSTAIRS, GEORGE FOUND A PICTURE  
OF A MAN AND A WOMAN IN A BUREAU  
DRAWER...

I KNOW NOW I AM BETTER  
THAN THEY... DIFFERENT, LIKE  
THESE TWO PEOPLE!



THESE TWO PEOPLE...  
THEY'RE LIKE ME! ARE  
THEY MY REAL  
PARENTS?

YES, IT  
HAPPENED  
TWENTY YEARS  
AGO... YOUR

FATHER CRASH-  
LANDED THE SHIP HE WAS  
PILOTING! WE TOOK THE  
THREE OF YOU IN...



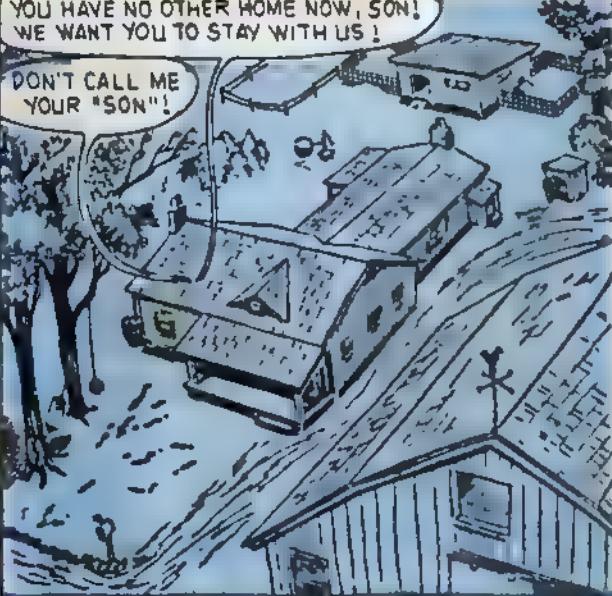
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AFTER YOUR THIRD BIRTHDAY,  
GEORGE! YES, WE'RE DIFFERENT  
FROM YOU... WE ARE MARTIANS,  
AND YOU'RE AN EARTHLING!

I DON'T WANT TO  
STAY WITH YOU  
ANY LONGER! I  
WANT TO GO TO  
MY OWN HOME!



YOU HAVE NO OTHER HOME NOW, SON!  
WE WANT YOU TO STAY WITH US!

DON'T CALL ME  
YOUR "SON"!



IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS, GEORGE BEHAVED COLDLY  
TOWARDS THE KINDLY MARTIAN COUPLE...

YOU LEFT THE TEAM HOOKED  
UP TO THE PLOW ALL NIGHT,  
GEORGE!

I'M NOT A SERVANT  
HERE! I WANT TO BE AT  
HOME WHERE I BELONG!



YOU NO LONGER HAVE A HOME  
ON EARTH! YOU COULD BE HAPPY  
HERE WITH US!

I'LL NEVER BE  
HAPPY WHILE I  
STAY WITH YOU  
AND RUDA!



GEORGE LACEY SLIPPED OUT OF THE FARMHOUSE THAT NIGHT...

THE FOOLS... THINKING  
I'D STAY WITH THEM...  
MARTIAN CREATURES!

I'M GOING TO GET BACK  
TO EARTH SOMEHOW! MY  
FATHER AND MOTHER MUST'VE  
HAD A HOME THERE ... AND  
FRIENDS!

RUDA! THAT IS GEORGE RIDING OFF!  
I'M GOING AFTER HIM! HE MUST BE  
STOPPED!!

I'M GOING WITH YOU!  
PERHAPS HE WILL  
LISTEN TO ME!

I KNEW THEY'D COME AFTER  
ME! THEY DON'T WANT TO  
LOSE A GOOD FARM WORKER!

BEFORE LONG, GEORGE LACEY CAME  
UPON A SPACEPORT...

THIS ROCKET SHIP MUST BE  
LEAVING TONIGHT! I'VE GOT  
TO GET ABOARD AND HIDE!

LODU AND RUDA MIGHT  
GET HERE BEFORE THE  
TAKEOFF! I MUST FIND A  
GOOD PLACE TO HIDE  
AWAY!

GEORGE MANAGED TO CONCEAL HIMSELF IN AN OXYGEN VENT  
A MOMENT BEFORE THE PILOT AND HIS FOSTER PARENTS CAME  
ABOARD...

GIVE US MORE TIME TO LOOK  
FOR THE BOY... I'M SURE HE'S  
ON THIS SHIP!

YOU MUST GET OFF! THE  
TAKEOFF TIMING DEVICES  
HAVE BEEN SET... I HAVE  
NO WAY OF SHUTTING THEM  
OFF!

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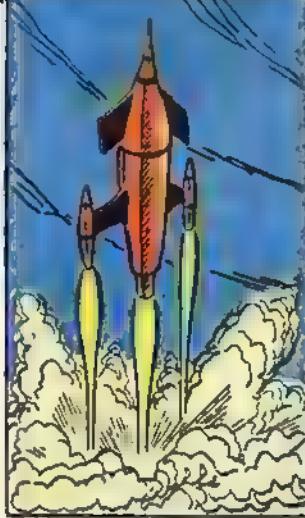
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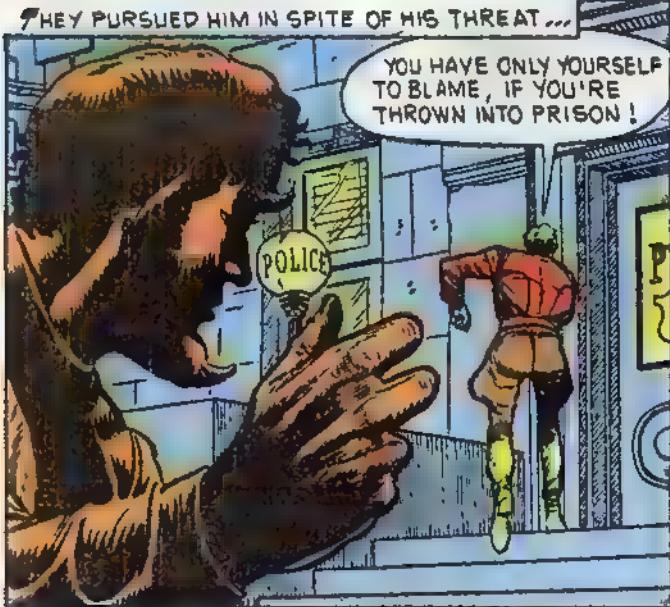
SEVERAL WEEKS LATER THE SHIP REACHED ITS MARTIAN PORT ...



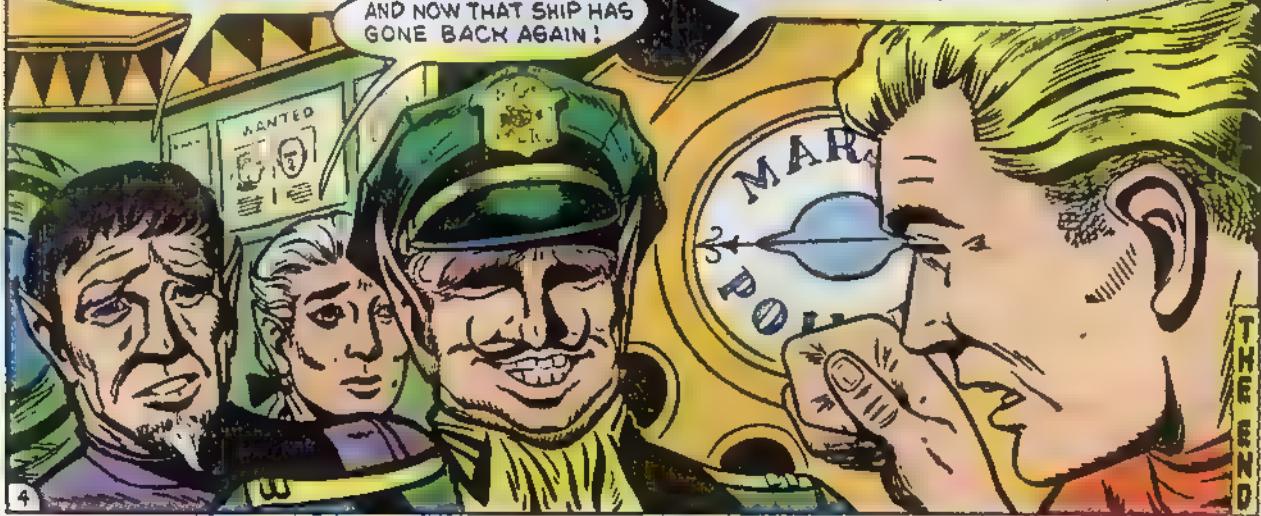
GEORGE LACEY CAME FROM HIDING AND DASHED PAST HIS FOSTER PARENTS ...



THEY PURSUED HIM IN SPITE OF HIS THREAT ...



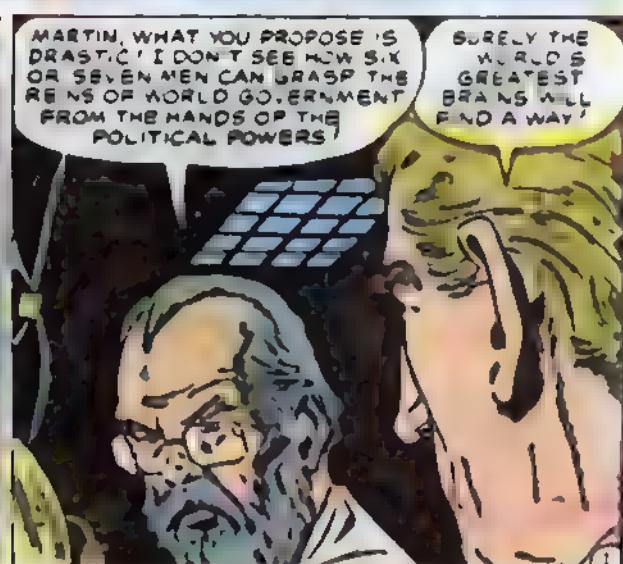
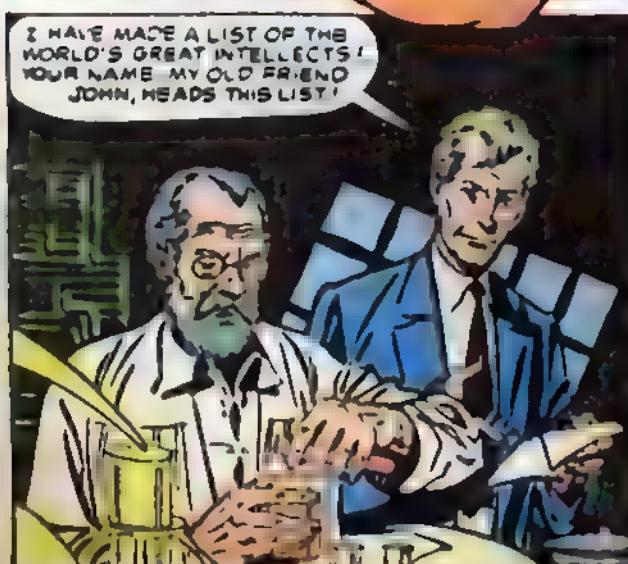
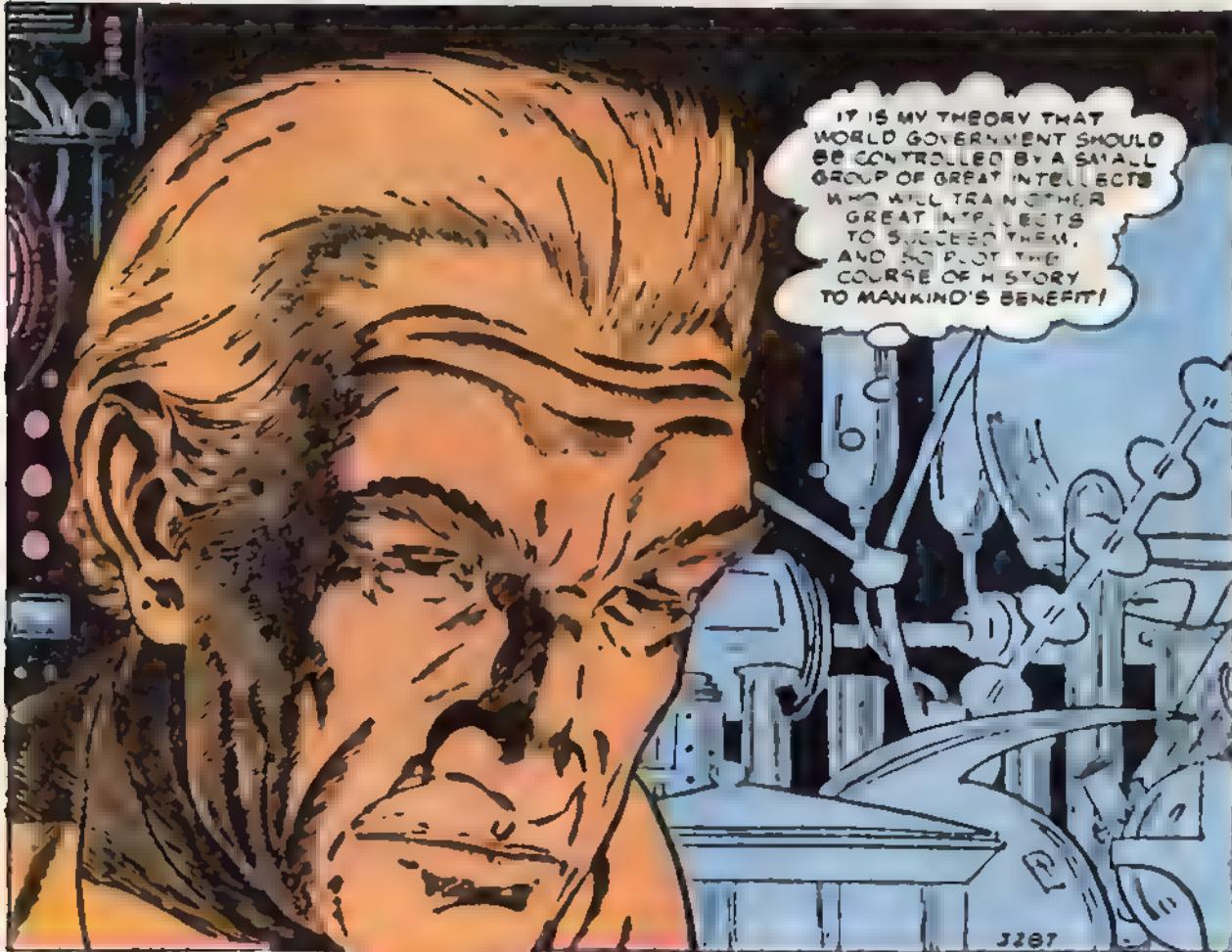
WE TRIED TO STOP YOU FROM BOARDING THE ROCKET SHIP, BECAUSE WE KNEW IT WAS HEADED HERE... TO MARS! YOU SEE, WE'VE BEEN LIVING ON EARTH FOR MANY YEARS SECRETLY!



EARTHLING, YOU'D BETTER START LOOKING FOR WORK ON THIS PLANET ... IT'LL BE A LONG, LONG TIME BEFORE ANOTHER ROCKET SHIP COMES FROM EARTH, TO TAKE YOU BACK!

# The MAN who KNEW!

MARTIN CABELL WANTED A NEW AND GREATER WORLD FOR THE FUTURE, AND HE BELIEVED THAT ONLY THE GUIDING HANDS OF THE GREAT INTELLECTS COULD REACH THAT WORLD! IT WAS GIVEN TO CABELL, STRANGELY ENOUGH, TO SEE THAT NEW WORLD OF THE FUTURE!



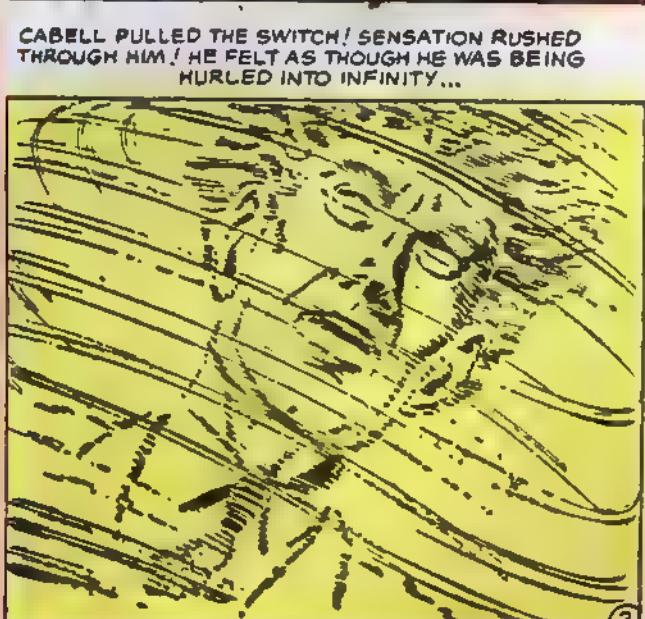
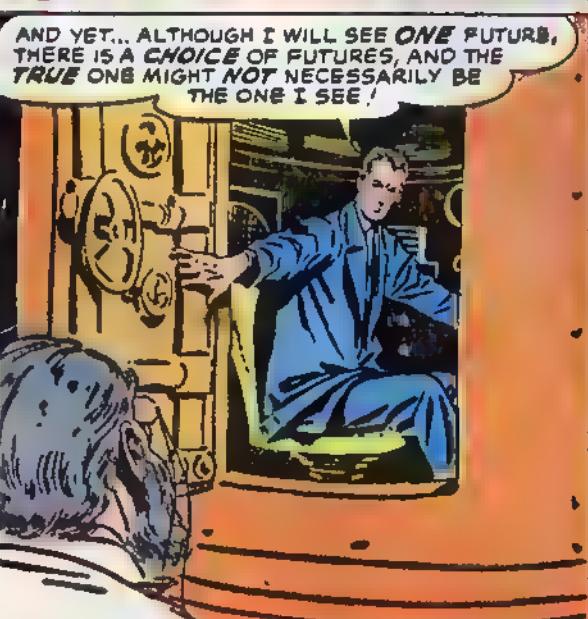
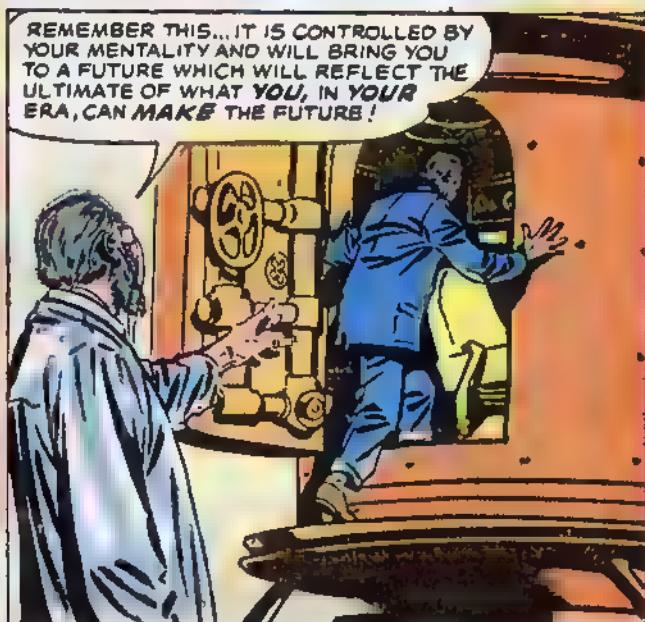
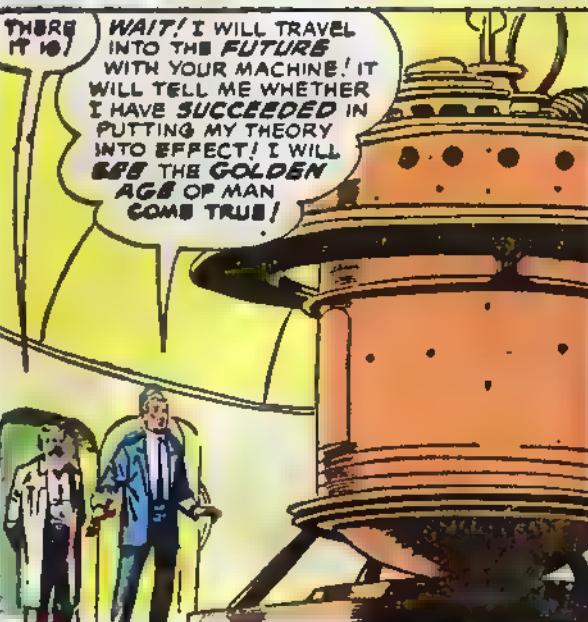
JOHN, THOSE PEOPLE OUT THERE! HOW CAN THEY MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES... HOW CAN THEY GIVE US THE GREAT FUTURE?

JOHN, WHAT IS ON YOUR MIND?

THE GREATEST WORK OF MY CAREER! YET I CAN'T GIVE IT TO THE WORLD... IT IS TOO ADVANCED!

IF THE WORLD WERE UNDER THE GUARDIANSHIP OF A FEW GREAT INTELLECTS, NO DISCOVERY WOULD BE TOO ADVANCED! WHAT IS THIS WORK?

THE FIRST TIME-TRAVEL MACHINE EVER CONCEIVED! IT IS DIRECTED BY THE INDIVIDUAL'S OWN BRAIN TO WHATEVER AGE HE WILLS, PAST OR FUTURE!



THEN MOVEMENT, SENSATION, RETURNED TO NORMAL! CABELL SLID OPEN THE DOOR OF THE TIME MACHINE ...

THE PEOPLE LOOK PROSPEROUS, HEALTHY AND WELL-CARED FOR...

HE LOOKED AT THEM CLOSELY...

THE WORLD OF THE FUTURE! WHICH WORLD IS IT.. THE ONE RULED BY THE COMMON MAN AS BEFORE, OR RULED BY DESCENDANTS OF THE FEW GREAT INTELLECTS?

THEIR FACES... DULL, UNINSPIRED. LIKE DUMB BEASTS...



A STRANGER! WHERE IS YOUR IDENTIFICATION CARD? WHERE ARE YOU FROM... WHERE DO YOU WORK? ANSWER!

AN INDIVIDUALIST! YOU WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE THE GREAT JUDGE AND THE LESSER RULERS!

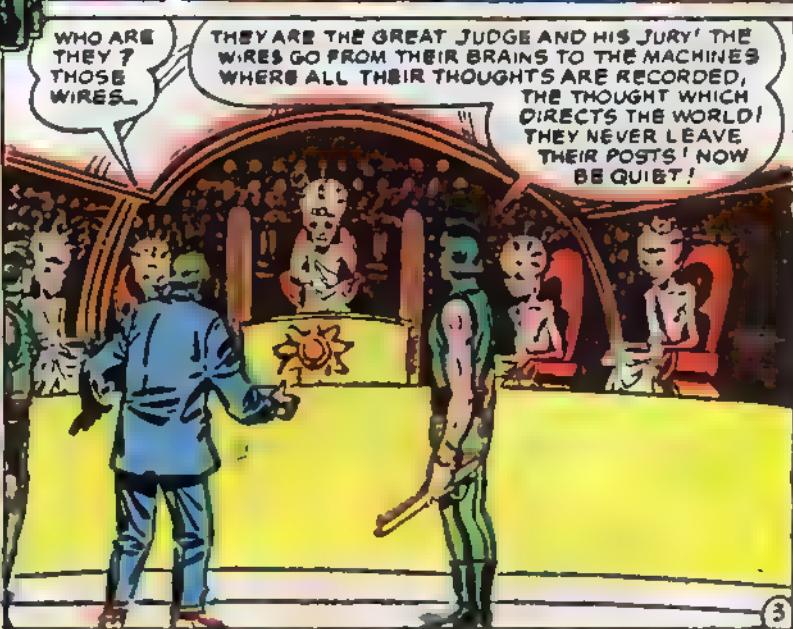
THE COMMON MAN KEPT THE REINS OF GOVERNMENT AND BROUGHT THE WORLD TO THIS... ABSOLUTE DICTATORSHIP BY SOMEONE CALLED THE "GREAT JUDGE"!



MAN HAS NO NEED TO THINK, WHEN THE GREAT JUDGE AND HIS JURY DO ALL MAN'S THINKING FOR HIM! INSIDE THERE!

WHO ARE THEY? THOSE WIRES...

THEY ARE THE GREAT JUDGE AND HIS JURY! THE WIRES GO FROM THEIR BRAINS TO THE MACHINES WHERE ALL THEIR THOUGHTS ARE RECORDED, THE THOUGHT WHICH DIRECTS THE WORLD! THEY NEVER LEAVE THEIR POSTS! NOW BE QUIET!



WE HAVE FOUND A "THINKER" OH, GREAT JUDGE OF THE FIFTEENTH GENETIC GENERATION OF CABELLS!

FIFTEENTH GENERATIONS OF CABELLS? THIS IS MY WORLD... BASED ON MY THEORY!

THEN A TELEPATHIC MESSAGE CAME FROM THE HUMAN THINKING MACHINE!

YES, CABELL THE FIRST, THIS IS YOUR WORLD OF THE FUTURE! LOOK AT ME! I SEE ALL, KNOW ALL... A CALCULATING MENTALITY WHICH HAS LOST ALL HUMAN LIKENESS!

AND LOOK AT THE PEOPLE OF THIS FUTURE! THINKING HAS BEEN ABOLISHED! MANKIND HAS EVERY WANT TENDED TO... BUT IT HAS DESCENDED MENTALLY TO THE LEVEL OF THE BEASTS!

FLEE BACK TO YOUR TIME! CHANGE THIS FUTURE! KEEP US HUMAN... ALL OF US!

CABELL TURNED AND RACED BACK TO THE TIME MACHINE, PUSHING ASIDE ALL WHO TRIED TO STOP HIM!

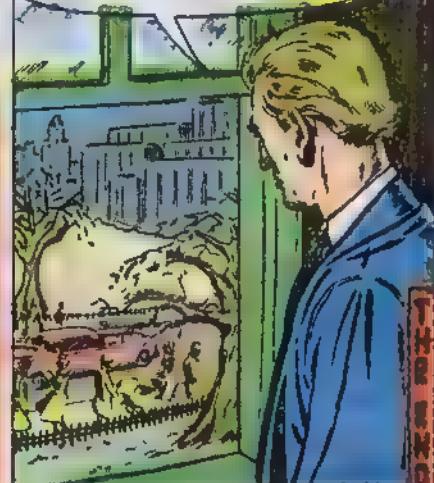
SECONDS LATER, HE STEPPED FROM THE MACHINE, ONCE AGAIN IN HIS OWN GENERATION!

WHAT DID YOU SEE, MARTIN? WHAT CHANGES? WHO RULES MAN? WHAT IS THE FUTURE LIKE?

I SAW A FUTURE THAT WILL NEVER BE, JOHN! THERE WILL BE CHANGES.

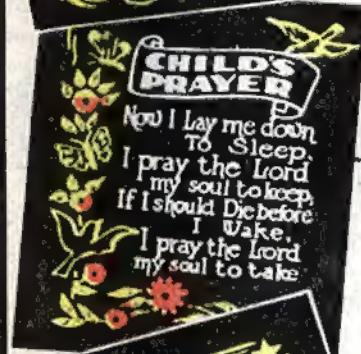
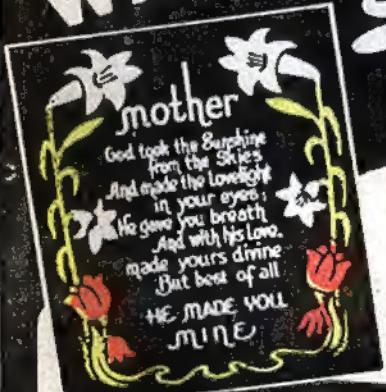
YES...

BUT THEY WILL MAKE THEM... THE PEOPLE! MANKIND WILL SHAPE ITS OWN DESTINY! IN MAN'S HANDS LIES THE FUTURE... AND RIGHTLY SO!



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## TONY PASCARELLA

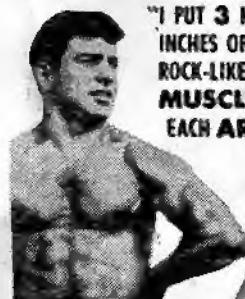
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